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the drive means (1) and the verification code display device (3) is freely selectable.

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14. Supply meter according to claim 13, wherein the verification code provided by the verification code display device (3) is a product of the position of the consumed-amount display-device (4), the setting of the verification code display device (3) when the consumed-amount display-device (4) was in the zero or start position, and the translation relationship between the gear (1) and the verification code display device (3).
 15. Supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) is a rotating body.
 16. Supply meter according to Claim 15, wherein the verification code display device (3) is a rotating display.
 17. Supply meter according to Claim 15, wherein the verification code display device (3) is a disk display.
 18. Supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) displays a verification code for the cumulative meter reading.
 19. Supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) is fixed or set in the zero position of the supply meter display device, in order to generate a portion of the device number.

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20. Supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) displays, encoded, the cumulative meter reading and device specific data of the supply meter.
21. Supply meter according to Claim 20, wherein as the device specific data there is displayed the device number and/or device type.
22. Supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein the verification code display device (3) displays the verification code in the form of letters, characters, numbers or symbols.
23. Supply meter according to Claim 13, wherein a cover provided over the display surface of the verification code display device (3) is operable by means of a mechanical push button (7).
24. Supply meter according to Claim 23, wherein the push button (7) is cushioned.
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REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.